

last summer when we were debating the Commonwealth issue and what committee should get...whether or not a committee should have a bill assigned to them. I'm saying that we have a precedent set here over a long period of time, and the precedent has been on matters that are dealing with public health, and in the past the donation of corneas, heart transplants, etc., etc., we have sent them to Public Health who hears the bills and who really has the experience of listening to the doctors, the hospitals and the nursing homes. They are familiar with the language. They are familiar with the problems. So it would be my suggestion and my hope that you won't break with the tradition because if you do tomorrow somebody may jump up and say, well Senator Morehead, you just wrote a bill, that is going to become a law and if it is law it belongs in Judiciary Committee. Anything that is going to deal with the law should go with Judiciary, or human rights. You just think about some of the bills that are out there and ask yourself, how many of them are out there that don't deal with our rights?

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So the best way to solve the problem of the Judiciary Committee not ending up with 500 bills this year is to do it the way we've been doing it. Send it around to where these types of bills have been traditionally heard. I would urge you to support Senator Wesely's motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely to close.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Higgins for your support. I also want to thank Senator Chambers for his comments. I think he, obviously, has a legitimate concern and he made those clear to us. But the thing about Senator Chambers that I have learned to admire on this issue is he's able to take the issue at hand and realize perhaps that the ground on which he stands isn't as firm as it ought to be. So he diverts our attention over to another issue on which he stands a little higher, a little stronger, and then we all debate that issue instead of the one we're really going to vote on. What we're voting on, at this moment, is the question of which committee ought to hear the bill. That is really it. The bill itself, the questions about the bill, is it good or bad, has no bearing